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Admiral George W. Anderson, Jr. USN (Ret.)
Chairman
President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board
Washington, D. C.

Dear Admiral:

Your letter of 5 April 1974 forwarded to me a copy of the Board's Report to the President on U.S. Human Source Intelligence, dated 20 February 1973. On several occasions since then I have provided the Board oral comments on actions taken or proposed in response to its recommendations. I believe it useful now for the Board to receive a written follow-up report summarizing actions taken along with other comments relating to the Board's recommendations.

The Board's Report has been most helpful to me in improving the national focus of human source collection. In November 1974, with the Board's approval, I forwarded a sanitized version of the report to the members of USIB. Since that time, the Intelligence Community and the USIB's Human Sources Committee have responded constructively to the report.

Some of the actions completed or ongoing in response to the Board's recommendations are described in the enclosed report. I call the Board's attention particularly to those sections dealing with national focus, the intelligence responsibilities of ambassadors and the Foreign Service, and training. For example, the USIB Human Sources Committee has established an effective system for national-level evaluation of human source reporting from individual embassies.

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This brings together analysts and collection managers of various agencies to generate improved national collection guidance and responsiveness by reporting elements at embassies. Initiatives in training have also stimulated increased participation in the human source intelligence process by the Foreign Service and other non-intelligence community elements of the government.

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The enclosed report follows the format of the Resume of Recommendations in the Board's original report. The individual recommendations are stated with my comment immediately following. My commentary was prepared in consultation with the USIB Human Sources Committee.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

W. E. Colby

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